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# Appositives

**5i.** An **appositive** is a noun or a pronoun placed beside another noun or pronoun to identify or describe it.

**EXAMPLES** My cousin **Melissa** plays the violin. [The appositive *Melissa* identifies the noun *cousin*.]  
 Ronald, a **doctor** and **researcher**, lives and works in Houston. [The appositives *doctor* and *researcher* identify the proper noun *Ronald*.]  
 The students selected to represent the school, **you** and **she**, will speak to a group of elementary school children. [The appositives *you* and *she* identify the noun *students*.]

**EXERCISE** Underline the appositive in each of the following sentences. Then, circle the noun or pronoun that the appositive identifies or describes.

**Example 1.** Cynthia went on a walk with her dog Toby.

1. Peter, a reader, ordered a series of detective novels.
2. Our middle school soccer team, the Thunderbolts, won a regional championship.
3. We will spend two days, Saturday and Sunday, at the mountain lodge.
4. My cousin Lisa is interested in scuba diving.
5. She often goes diving with her brother Mark.
6. Does Uncle Newman, a farmer, still raise chickens and cows?
7. I asked whether Kelly's mother, a teacher, could help me with my homework.
8. Mom said that her favorite song, *Misty*, has been recorded by many singers.
9. Jacques Cousteau, the oceanographer and author, was well-known for his underwater exploration.
10. The person with the highest score, you, will present the results of the research study.
11. Roberto asked Mr. Evingson, a neighbor, to help him move some furniture.
12. Dad, please make our favorite dinner, fajitas, tonight.
13. In the school play, Susanna and David will play the two main characters, Rose and Harold.
14. A boy in my class, Bryan, builds kites in his spare time.
15. A school newspaper reporter, Laura, interviewed several celebrities who were in town.
16. She reported that the famous author Louis Sachar was delightful to interview.
17. Did your friend, Dave, break his leg while skiing?
18. Tonight the family will eat at their favorite restaurant, Thai Cuisine.
19. Jan's grandfather, a pianist and arranger, plays in a jazz band.
20. He has recorded several CDs with his group Improvisario.